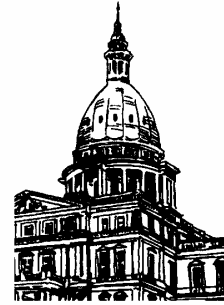


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SENATE GIVES JEROME BETTIS HIS DUE *Gives Standout Running Back His Day*

DETROIT – Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) presented a Resolution that declared February 1, as Jerome Bettis Day during a special salute to the football great at his alma mater Mackenzie High School in Detroit. The decree unanimously passed the Senate with Republicans and Democrats joining together to honor one of Michigan's famous sons.

Bettis graduated Mackenzie High School, located in Sen. Clark-Coleman's Senate District, with honors and has been an outstanding role model and citizen throughout his 13-year pro-football career. His heralded return to Detroit to play in Super Bowl XL as a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers has placed Michigan in the national spotlight.

"Having Jerome return to his hometown to play in a Super Bowl hosted by Detroit is special," Sen. Clark-Coleman said. "We could not ask for a better representative of our city and our state than this fine young man."

Sen. Clark-Coleman presented Mackenzie High School Principal Dr. Bernard Bonam with the Resolution during the ceremony where Bettis' high school jersey, #36, was retired along with the jersey of former Green Bay Packer Gilbert Brown, #77, who was Bettis' high school teammate. Sen. Clark-Coleman also presented Bettis' father with a Special Tribute to the famous running back for his exemplary athletic talent and dedication to the community.

For photos go to <http://www.senate.mi.gov/clarkcoleman/pr020206.htm>

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